IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: T. Nguyen
NAOHIRO ISSHIKI)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2618
Application No.: 10/688,961)	
		:	Confirmation No.: 3287
Filed: October 21, 2003)	
		:	
For:	PRINTING APPARATUS,)	
	PRINT CONTROL METHOD,	:	
	AND PROGRAM PRODUCT)	April 9, 2007

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

$\frac{\text{PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT}}{\text{AND}} \\ \underline{\text{INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT}}$

Sir:

as follows:

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application